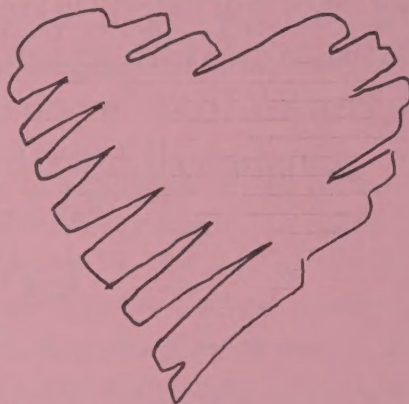


The Bandit

Happy Valentines Day!

February is upon us! Want a great way to tell that special someone you like them? Order Valentine balloons from the ASBG office we will deliver it to them. A fabulous way to make someone feel extra special!



The Blood drive was a great success! Thanks so much to everyone that donated blood and/or time to this worthy cause! **You are all greatly appreciated!**

I would again like to invite anyone that has poetry that they would like to submit for publication to please do so! I look forward to receiving everyone's work!

Happy February and good luck with your midterms at the end of the month!

Sandy

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College Accreditation Reaffirmed

January 17 Clatsop Community College received official word that its accreditation had been reaffirmed by the Commission on Colleges of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. However, the Commission continued its official warning issued for College facilities. The warning requires the College to submit a progress report by April 11, 2003 regarding a facilities plan for the Jerome Campus.

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TAX TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!

Ready for a tax break? Did you pay tuition and related expenses for yourself, a spouse, or your dependant at a post-secondary educational institution? If so, you may be eligible for a tax credit on your 2002 tax return. To see if you qualify for the Hope of a Lifetime Learning Credit, call 1-800-829-3676 for the free IRS Publication 970, Tax benefits for Higher Education

E-File your taxes on-line!

Go to www.irs.gov and click on "Electronic Services". Then click on "IRS e-file Partner". Use your PC and modem and follow the step by step instructions provided to file your tax return...

PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE!

On page 94 in your student handbook you will find the advantages as well as the disadvantages of not having your FREE CCC parking sticker. If you have not already done so, you can pick yours up at the Switchboard in Patriot on the second floor.

Note: The parking spaces marked with signs stating "CCC Parking permit only" are permits given by Jennifer Whitman in Patriot 330. If you have an issue that requires easier access to the college, see Jennifer Whitman.

If You Need to Rent a Locker

Please go to the Business Office on the second floor of Patriot and pay \$5.00, select a locker in the location of your choice, then bring your receipt down to the ASBG Office and we will get you set up!

College Accreditation Reaffirmed

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According to Dr. Marilyn Lane, CCC Board Chair, "the Commission's decision validates the quality of CCC programs and services while providing the opportunity to develop a multi-faceted funding approach to campus facility needs." The College Board discussed strategies for complying with Commission recommendations and the required April report, at its January 23rd meeting.

The Commission has also required the College to provide an additional report in the spring of 2004 regarding program assessment and planning, and tracking of technical program graduates. The report of the Commission's evaluator in the fall of 2002 indicated the College had made much progress with these, and that the College needed to further develop its processes in these areas. "College personnel are pleased with the award of continuing accreditation. However, the official warning concerning facilities places special emphasis on the need for timely action in this area," according to Wubben.

TRIO – CROATIAN LUNCHEON

Be sure to join us for a traditional Croatian Lunch on Tuesday, February 11th, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Banquet Room. It will be prepared, served and sponsored by the Plus Program Student Leadership Team. Purchase tickets in advance in the Plus Program Office, Towler 212. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 50 tickets available! All proceeds to benefit the Plus Program Student Leadership Team Scholarship Fund.

National TRIO Day 2003

Celebrating Educational Opportunity and Achievement

The history of TRIO is progressive. Emerging out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the War on Poverty, TRIO began as a commitment to providing educational opportunity for all Americans. Beginning with Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Programs, the term "TRIO" was coined in 1968 when the third in this series of educational opportunity programs, the Student Support Services Program, was started (known at Clatsop Community College as the Plus Program).

The TRIO Plus Program is a 100% federally funded grant program committed to providing students with assistance in achieving academic and career goals, college success strategies, successful transfers to baccalaureate programs, and to providing a campus climate supportive of the success of first generation, low income and disabled students. Student in TRIO Student Support Programs are twice as likely to remain in college than those with similar backgrounds who do not participate in these programs.

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents.

-John F. Kennedy

Applying for financial aid has never been easier!

Complete the Free Application For Federal Student
Aid (FAFSA)

online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

or pick up a paper FAFSA in the Financial Aid Office.

Either way- Do it today!

NOW is the prime time to apply for
the 2003-2004 academic year!

Check out the great links below to help find the scholarship
that's right for you!

clatsopcollege.com

ossc.state.or.us

fastweb.com

collegeboard.com

salliemae.com

fafsa.ed.gov

CCC Budget Task Force Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2003-04

Due to reductions in state funding, the College's Budget Task Force recommended reductions in faculty and staff positions, decreases in operational budgets, and a number of other recommendations needed to reduce the College's budget. These suggested changes, if adopted, will become effective summer term 2003. In addition, the following recommendations were made that will affect students.

- Reduce general fund allocations for the ASBG in the fiscal year 2003-2004 by \$10,750
- Cafeteria services will be discontinued after December 31, 2003 if the cafeteria is unable to cover costs
- GED students will pay a \$25 one-time participation fee to help cover books
- GED testing fee will be increased by \$10 (from \$80 to \$90)
- One-time admission fee of \$35
- Change in computer lab fees from \$10 to \$25 per quarter for students not enrolled in computer classes
- Materials and supplies fees for classes will be reassessed by the Vice President of Instruction/Student Services and may be increased to cover costs of materials
- Tuition increase of \$4 per credit
- Reduction in the number of talent grants and Board scholarships available to high school graduates

If you have immediate questions regarding any of these proposed changes, please contact Carol Goerges in the Human Resources Office, or call 338-2450.

Students interested in providing the College's Board with feedback on any of the proposed CCC Budget Task Force recommendations should contact the President's Office for dates and times of meetings being held for this purpose.

You are also invited to the regular Board meeting scheduled for February 27, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. The agenda for Board meetings is posted on the bulletin board outside the President's Office at least five days prior to each meeting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 REMEMBER: Spring Term Scholarship Applications Due on Friday	4	5	6	7 *CCC Scholarship Deadline *Last Day to Order Your Balloon Bouquet *COOP Work Experience: Midterm email due today	8
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16	17 College Closed - Presidents Day	18	19	20 Work Study: paychecks available in the Business Office	21 Last day to change to credit or drop a course	22
23	24	25	26 BBQ and Entertainment! 11 am - 2 pm in Patriot/Towler	27 Deadline For The Bandit	28 *Deadline for OR Student Asst. Comm. Scholarships *Deadline for SOU and WOU Scholarships	